

REMARKS

The Final Office Action (hereinafter the Action) mailed June 29, 2005 has been reviewed and these remarks are responsive thereto. Claims 1-76 remain pending in this application and currently stand rejected.

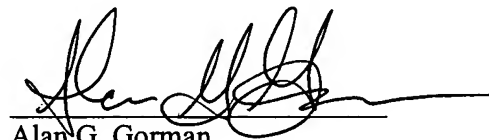
The Action rejected claims 1, 11, 12, 15, 17, 27, 37, 38, 41, 43, 52, 62, 63, 66, and 68 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 4-7, 13, and 15-17 of copending Application No. 10/236,714. The Action similarly rejected claims 1, 2, 6-12, 15-22, 27, 28, 32-38, 41-48, 53, 57-63, and 66-73 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-18 of copending Application No. 10/206,131. The Action also identifies claims 3-5, 13, 14, 23-26, 29-31, 39, 40, 49-51, 54-56, 64, 65, and 74-76 as being allowable subject matter if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In response to the rejections, Applicants submit two terminal disclaimers under 37 C.F.R. 1.321(b) filed concurrently herewith, one for each of the copending applications cited. It is believed that these disclaimers address all of the double-patenting rejections.

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the application and allowance of the claims at an early date is solicited. Should the Examiner have any questions or comments, please contact the undersigned at (404) 954-5100.

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